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## **DeKalb Workforce Development – Youth Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, April 27, 2016, at 11:30 a.m.**

### **Members Present**

Jackie Echols, Georgia Piedmont Technical College  
Cynthia Edwards, Georgia Piedmont Technical College  
Kim Childs, DeKalb Chamber of Commerce  
Stan Moore, Job Corps/International, Inc.  
Lance L. Wise, Urban League of Greater Atlanta Inc.

### **Members Absent**

Rashida Carter, Goodwill of North Georgia  
Dacia Dickey, DeKalb Housing Authority  
Claudette Grant, Center for Disease Control  
Michael Romesburg, CVS Caremark  
Trenny Stovall, DeKalb County Child Advocacy

### **DWD Staff**

Latanya Lowery  
Elmira Miller  
Denise Whipple

### **Call to Order/Welcome**

Mr. Lance Wise called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

### **Establishment of a Quorum**

Quorum was not established.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Due to the non-establishment of a quorum, no approval could be recommended. Therefore, the minutes will be presented at the June 30, 2016 meeting for approval.

### **Finance Report**

The financial reports were presented to the Youth Committee by Mrs. Lowery.

#### ▪ **February 2016**

The Profit & Loss statement for February 1-29, 2016 showed that the youth budget had a beginning balance of \$1,851,452.65 and an ending balance of \$1,692,207.07.

#### ▪ **March 2016**

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The Profit & Loss statement for March 1-31, 2016 showed that the youth budget had a beginning balance of \$1,692,207.07 and an ending balance of \$1,574,832.57.

The February and March report was distributed to the Youth Committee Members pending need for additional clarification at the meeting.

### **Action Items**

DWD Work Experience (Rate of Pay/Weekly Hours)

Mrs. Lowery requested consideration for an increase in the rate of pay. The increase will include a rate of pay at \$9.00 per hour, for up to thirty-five (35) hours per week.

### **Comprehensive Case Manager Report:**

Mrs. Lowery shared the Comprehensive Case Manager Report with the Youth Committee Members. A report was distributed to the Youth Committee Members pending need for additional clarification at the meeting.

### **Youth Program Update(s):**

- Southeastern Employment and Training Association (SETA) Summary  
Mrs. Lowery shared that three (3) DWD Staff members attended the SETA Conference on March 2016. Denise Whipple shared a summary of all the sub-meetings and encouraged Youth Committee member to consider attending the next meeting which is scheduled for September 2016 in Biloxi, Mississippi.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Youth Vendor Reports Cards:  
Mrs. Lowery updated the Youth Committee Members regarding the 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Vendor Report cards. She also reference that this information is included on the Comprehensive Case Manager Report.
  - Jobs Not Jail Diversion Program:  
Mrs. Lowery shared that DWD is now working with the DeKalb County Court – Diversion Program. This is inclusive of the District Attorney’s Office, the Solicitor’s Office, and Drug Court. The first enrollment and orientation will take place on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 9 am.
  - Radio Opportunities:  
Mrs. Lowery shared that DWD is partnering with the DeKalb County Communications Department in obtaining opportunities to marketing on the radio. Below are the radio shows DWD has visited thus far.
- ✓ FWSB, Condace Pressley (Perspectives)

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✓ V103, Maria Boyton (WAOK)

▪ Towers High School Career Day:

DeKalb Workforce Development partnered with the Stewart Foundation and Towers High School on Thursday, April 21, 2016 for a Career Day Expo. There were over 25 employers present with over 339 job opportunities.

▪ I-Shine Ambassador Program:

In partnership with Hank Stewart, Tommy Ford (Martin Show), DeKalb County, and the DeKalb County School District, DeKalb Workforce Development, is providing adult mentorship to twenty-five (25) young men. The mentorship program focuses on media, mentorship and manhood. The requirements for selection for this mentorship opportunity were that the young men had an interest in Film/TV, have been bullied, been a bully, or have been impacted by bullying. During the mentoring program, participants will learn what is needed to be successful in front of and behind the camera. The I-Shine Ambassadors mentoring program have participated in the following activities thus far:

✓ Film Screening to Cas Sigers (Conflict of Interest)

I-Shine Ambassadors attended a private screening and Q&A session with producer/director Cas Sigers. Ms. Sigers shared her experience on how she became interested in film and television. She also shared the details of her journey of success within the Film/TV industry.

✓ Clark Atlanta University – Student Engagement/Mentoring

I-Shine Ambassadors worked with Mass Media Arts students at Clark Atlanta University (CAU). The CAU students shared their experience at the university. The I-Shine Ambassadors were given a tour of the Mass Media Arts Department, which included the radio station WCLK, the filming studio, and various editing/production rooms. *The phase of the Mentorship Program concluded on April 13, 2016.*

✓ Southwest Atlanta Arts Center – Improve

I-Shine Ambassadors worked with the staff at the Southwest Atlanta Arts Center to learn the difference of acting on a stage versus film/television. I-Shine Ambassadors were given the opportunity to participate in the various improv training sessions.

✓ UPTV site visit/tour

I-Shine Ambassadors visited UpTV and met with various editing and pre/post production staff members. I-Shine Ambassadors were given the opportunity to role play in the various positions needed to make a film/television series successful.

✓ Infinite Scholarship Fair

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I-Shine Ambassadors attended the Infinite Scholarship Fair hosted at McNair High School. During the scholarship fair, attendees were afforded the opportunity to meet with several college recruiters. Based upon the attendees' transcript and student involvement, scholarships were available and immediately awarded to encourage post-secondary transition.

✓ Georgia Piedmont Technical College –  
Television, Film, Graphics, and Entrepreneurship Certification

I-Shine Ambassadors started this phase of the program started on Monday, April 25, 2016 and is slated to conclude on June 30, 2016.

- Georgia Department of Economic Development – Workforce Division – State Initiative:  
Mrs. Lowery stated that DeKalb Workforce Development is a recipient of the Go Build Georgia State Incentive Grant on April 8, 2016. DeKalb Workforce Development was awarded \$56K to serve twenty-two (22) in-school youth.
- AT&T Aspire – Go Digitize DeKalb:  
DeKalb Workforce Development applied for a supportive contribution via the AT&T community opportunity in the amount of \$12K.

**General Announcements**

Mrs. Lowery shared that in collaboration with DeKalb Chamber of Commerce, DeKalb County School District, and Georgia Piedmont Technical College, DeKalb Workforce Development will host Parents Pounding the Pavement for Employment. This is a two part series where DeKalb County School District parents have received work readiness training and attend a career fair scheduled for May 12, 2016.

Stan Moore shared that Job Corps is hosting a community event in Clayton County that promotes wrap around services and the resources available within the community. Mrs. Lowery added that DeKalb County School District Region 5 is also hosting a similar event for the community.

**Next Scheduled Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, June 22, 2016.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Lance Wise adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

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